

1 AN ACT to amend the Humane Care for Animals Act by adding  
2 Section 2.09 and by changing Sections 4.03 and 4.04.

3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
4 represented in the General Assembly:

5 Section 5. The Humane Care for Animals Act is amended by  
6 adding Section 2.09 and by changing Sections 4.03 and 4.04 as  
7 follows:

8 (510 ILCS 70/2.09 new)

9 Sec. 2.09. Search and rescue dog. "Search and rescue dog"  
10 means a dog that is trained to locate lost or missing  
11 persons, victims of natural or man-made disasters, and human  
12 bodies.

13 (510 ILCS 70/4.03) (from Ch. 8, par. 704.03)

14 Sec. 4.03. Teasing, striking or tampering with police  
15 animals or search and rescue dogs prohibited.

16 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully and  
17 maliciously taunt, torment, tease, beat, strike, or  
18 administer or subject any desensitizing drugs, chemicals or  
19 substance to any animal used by a law enforcement officer in  
20 the performance of his functions or duties, or when placed in  
21 confinement off duty; or to interfere or meddle with any such  
22 animal used by a law enforcement department or agency or any  
23 handler thereof in the performance of the functions or duties  
24 of the department or agency.

25 (b) It is unlawful for any person to willfully and  
26 maliciously taunt, torment, tease, beat, strike, or  
27 administer or subject any desensitizing drugs, chemicals, or  
28 substance to a search and rescue dog, or to interfere or  
29 meddle with a search and rescue dog or the dog's handler.

30 (Source: P.A. 90-80, eff. 7-10-97.)

1 (510 ILCS 70/4.04) (from Ch. 8, par. 704.04)

2 Sec. 4.04. Injuring or killing police animals or search  
3 and rescue dogs prohibited.

4 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or  
5 maliciously torture mutilate, injure, disable, poison, or  
6 kill any animal used by a law enforcement department or  
7 agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the  
8 department or agency or when placed in confinement off duty.  
9 However, a police officer or veterinarian may perform  
10 euthanasia in emergency situations when delay would cause the  
11 animal undue suffering and pain.

12 (b) It is unlawful for any person to willfully or  
13 maliciously torture, mutilate, injure, disable, poison, or  
14 kill a search and rescue dog; however, a peace officer, a  
15 veterinarian, or a dog's owner may perform euthanasia.

16 (Source: P.A. 90-80, eff. 7-10-97; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)